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**SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT ANNOUNCES
APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR**

The Supreme Judicial Court has appointed David M. Sanders, Esq. of Livermore Falls and Jud Knox of York to be members of the Board of Overseers of the Bar.

Continuing members of the Board of Overseers of the Bar include Marvin H. Glazier, Esq. of Bangor, Professor Christine Holden of Lewiston, Patricia M. Ender, Esq. of Augusta, Susan E. Hunter, Esq. of Portland, Paul H. Sighinolfi, Esq. of Brewer, and Andrew J. Pease Jr. of Brooklin, and Charles W. Smith Jr., Esq. of Saco.

Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice Warren M. Silver serves as the court's liaison to the Board.

The Supreme Judicial Court of Maine created the Board of Overseers of the Bar in 1978 to control the conduct of lawyers as officers of the Court. The Board consists of six lawyers and three public members. The Court appoints the lawyers, and the Court, on recommendations by the Governor, appoints the public members.

The Board controls the conduct of lawyers by enforcing the Maine Bar Rules adopted by the Court. The purpose of the Bar Rules is to protect the public and the courts from lawyers who do not properly discharge their professional responsibilities.

Under the Bar Rules, the Board appoints Bar Counsel who investigates alleged misconduct by lawyers and prosecutes lawyers in disciplinary proceedings. The Board also maintains a register of all lawyers who are members of the Bar of the State of Maine, as well as records of the termination or suspension of the right of any lawyer to practice law in Maine.

The Board appoints members to three commissions established by the Bar Rules: the Grievance Commission, the Fee Arbitration Commission, and the Professional Ethics Commission.

The Board is distinct from the Maine State Bar Association, which is a voluntary association of Maine lawyers.